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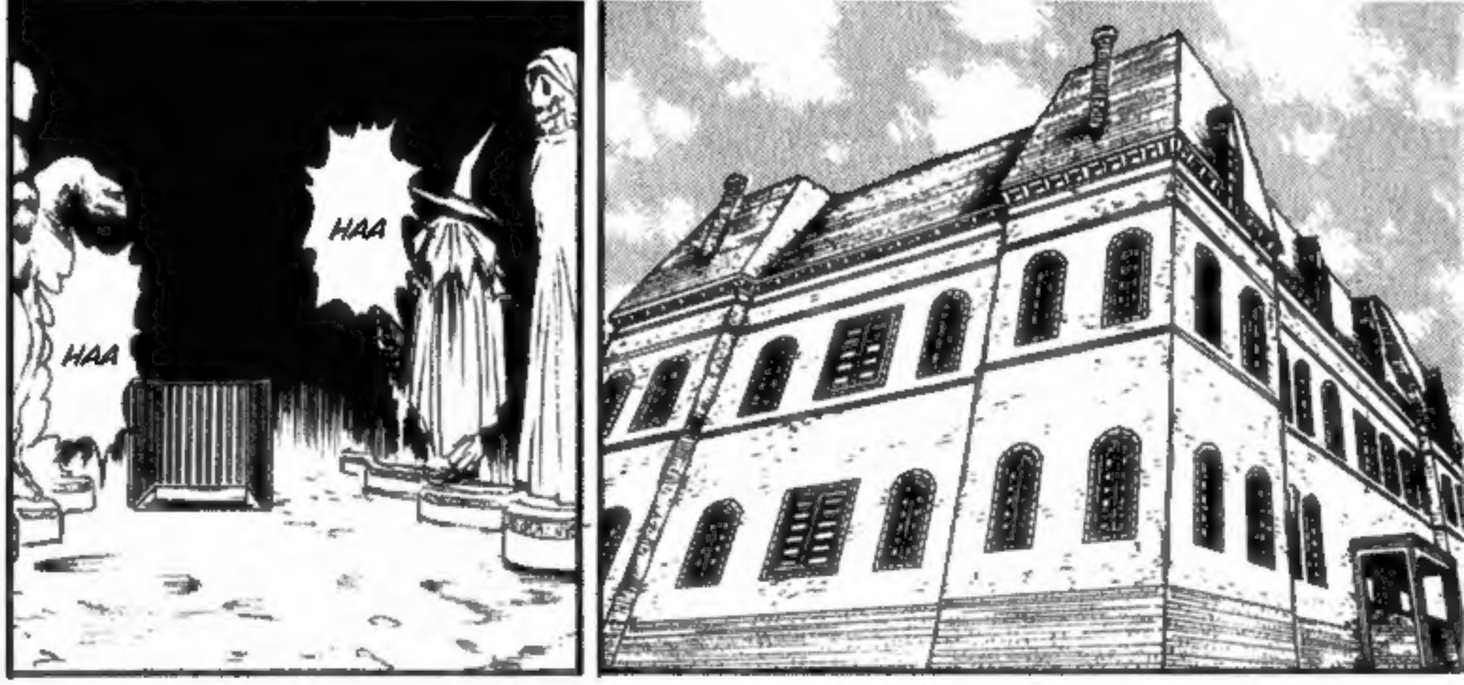
ACT 1: MASARU

CHAPTER 12

"PERSONAL FILE PART 1"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MASARU, WAIT UP. WHY ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY?

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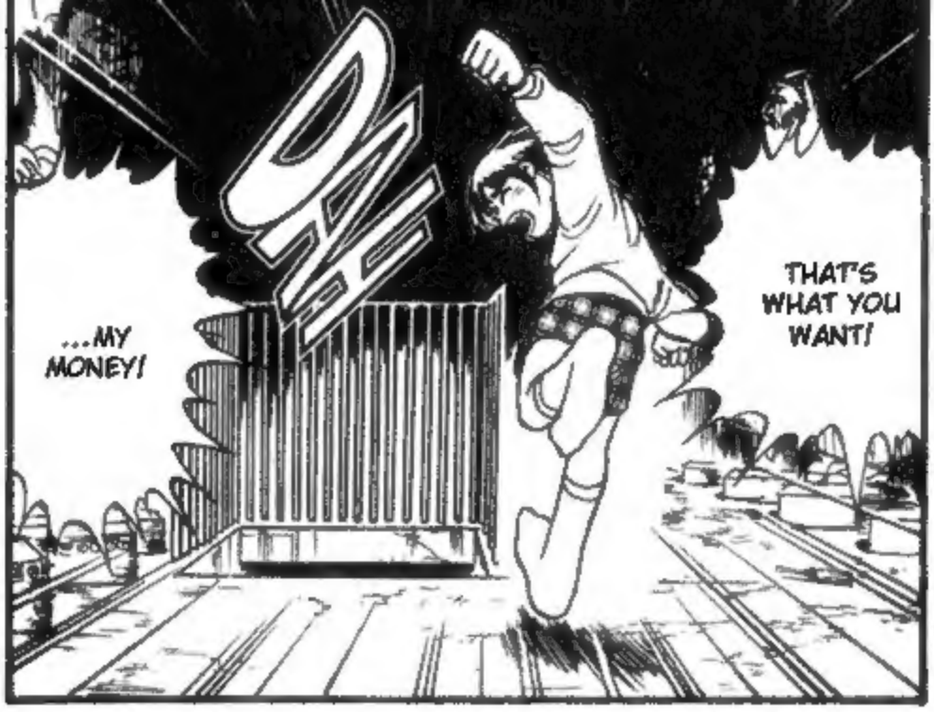
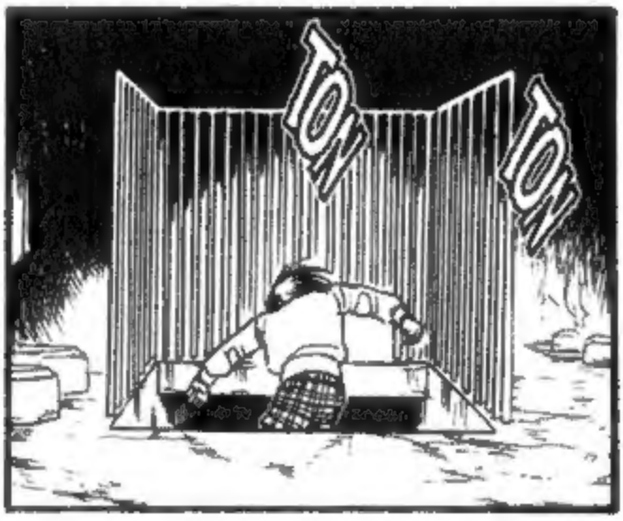
WHO ARE THEY ?
THE MAN AND WOMAN WHO WERE HIDING MASARU UNTIL NOW
BUT YOU JUST SAID ...
... THAT YOU'RE GOING TO KILL SHIROGANE AND NARUMI!
I JUST WANT TO PROTECT YOU FROM THE KILLERS YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS HIRED.

NARUMI AND SHIROGANE ARE NICE AND UNSELFISH
NO, THAT'S NOT TRUE
MASARU, PLEASE LISTEN TO ME ... THOSE TWO ARE ALSO KILLERS!
WHILE THEY SAVED ME WITHOUT ASKING FOR ANYTHING IN RETURN!
COME ON, MASARU. WHO DO YOU TRUST? ... PEOPLE WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT OR YOUR OWN UNCLE ?
BUT... YOU, YOU SAID: "I'LL PROTECT YOU IF YOU BECOME MY SON"
I'D LIKE TO TRUST YOU


...MY MONEY!
THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT!

NARUMI TOLD ME ...
THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED IN MY MONEY.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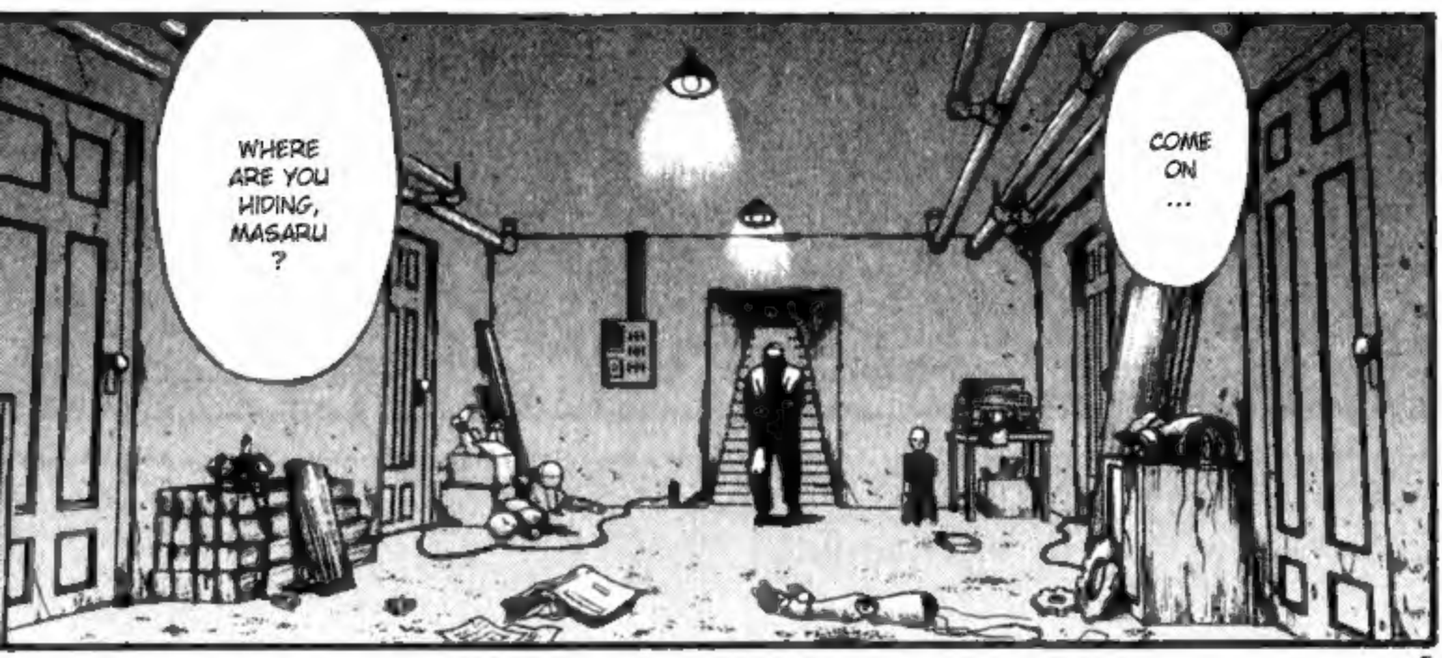
IS THAT YOU GIVE ME YOUR 18 BILLION YEN!
WHAT I WANT
YES, YOU'RE RIGHT, MASARU

PFF
SAH

DAMN BRAT ... HE HAS UNDERSTOOD EVERYTHING.

HE HE... I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU SOME-THING, SON
ALL YOUR MONEY WILL BE MINE
SO, IF I ADOPT YOU


WHERE ARE YOU HIDING, MASARU ?
COME ON ...

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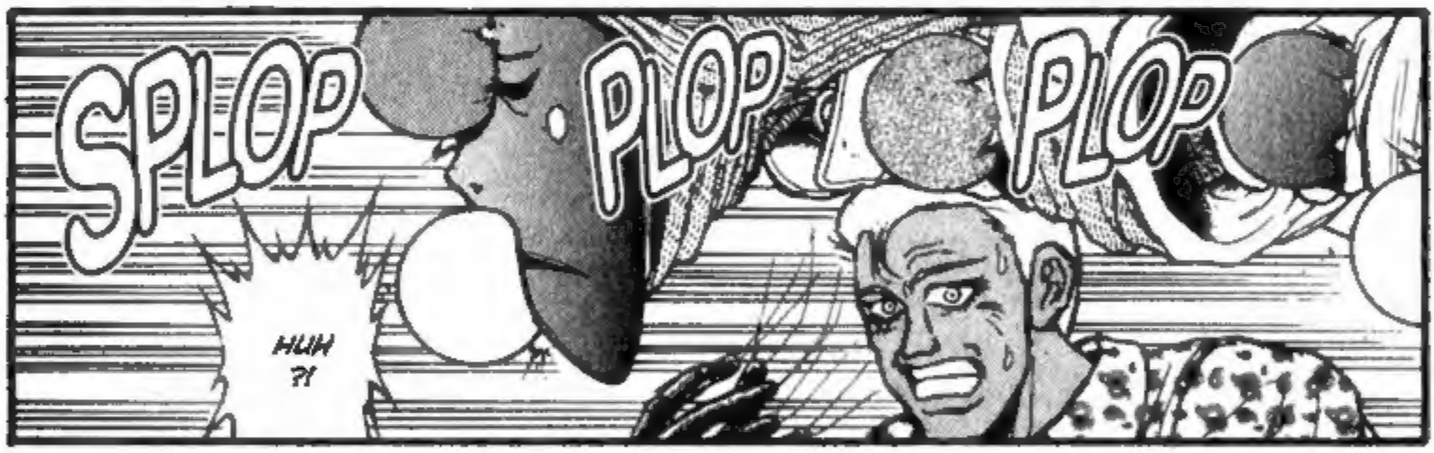
GREAT, WE CAN FINALLY GO IN!
DAH!

LET'S GO, EVERYONE!
DAAAHH


SPLOP
PLOP
PLOP
HUH ?!

IT'S TAKAMI!
BOMBS ?!
BEAAM

RRR
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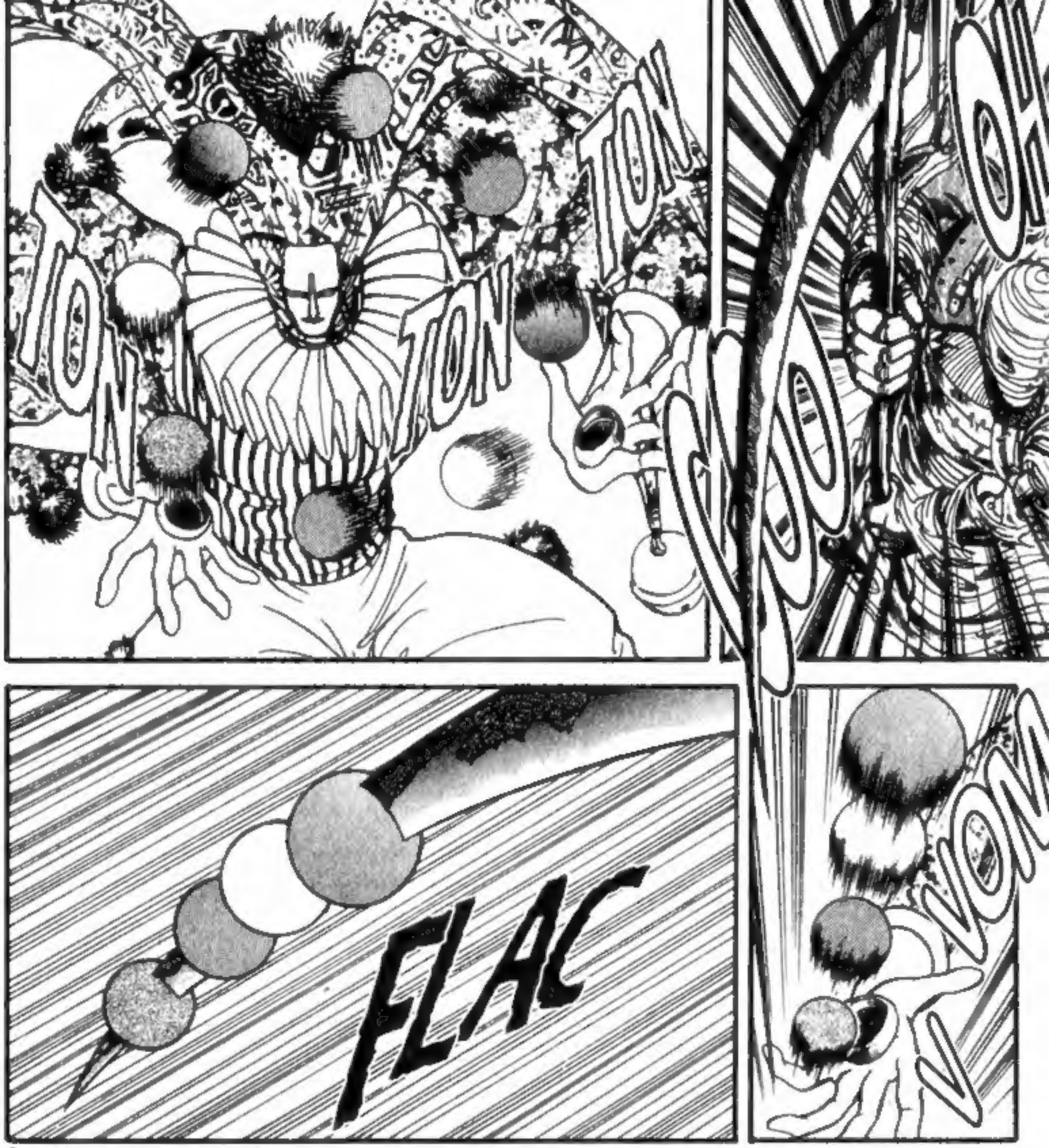
HA HA HA, HOW CAN YOU BE SO DUMB?
YOU MAY HAVE DESTROYED THE DOOR OF HELL ... BUT IF YOU THINK THAT THEOGAULTIER AND I WOULD LET YOU THROUGH WITHOUT A FIGHT, YOU GUYS ARE REALLY DUMB!

IT'S OUR TURN!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FLAC
WHAT ?! BUT ...
BAAM

HM?
NOGUCHI!
NOOO, MY PRECIOUS PUPPET!
TSS
BLA
AM

ALLOW ME CRUSH YOUR NEW PUPPET MASTER!
SO, DO ME A FAVOR ...
ASHIHANA ... YOU KNOW I'M GOOD, DON'T YOU? YOU'VE KNOWN IT SINCE DAYS WHEN WE USED TO TRAIN TOGETHER AT THE CENTRE.

THIS WOMAN IS NOT LIKE US AT ALL ...
BELIEVE ME ...

TAKUMI, DON'T MAKE THE MISTAKE OF OVERESTIMATING YOURSELF ... IT'S A PUPPET UNLIKE ANY OTHER

I HAVE OTHER THINGS TO DO!
LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH!

WE'VE ALL LEARNED TO CONTROL PUPPETS SINCE CHILDHOOD, SO...
HA HA ... DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.

HMM

SHIROGANE, YOU'RE INSANE ... YOU SAW THAT SHE USES BOMBS, DIDN'T YOU ?
WHAT ?!

LET'S GO, THEO!
YOU'LL DIE IN A FIRE OF HELL, INSOLENT FOOL !!
BLAM
11
ARLEQUIN!
OH-AH
DIIIIIIE !!
BOOM

PLOP
PLOP

SPLOP
PLOP

WHHH
WHHH

HUH
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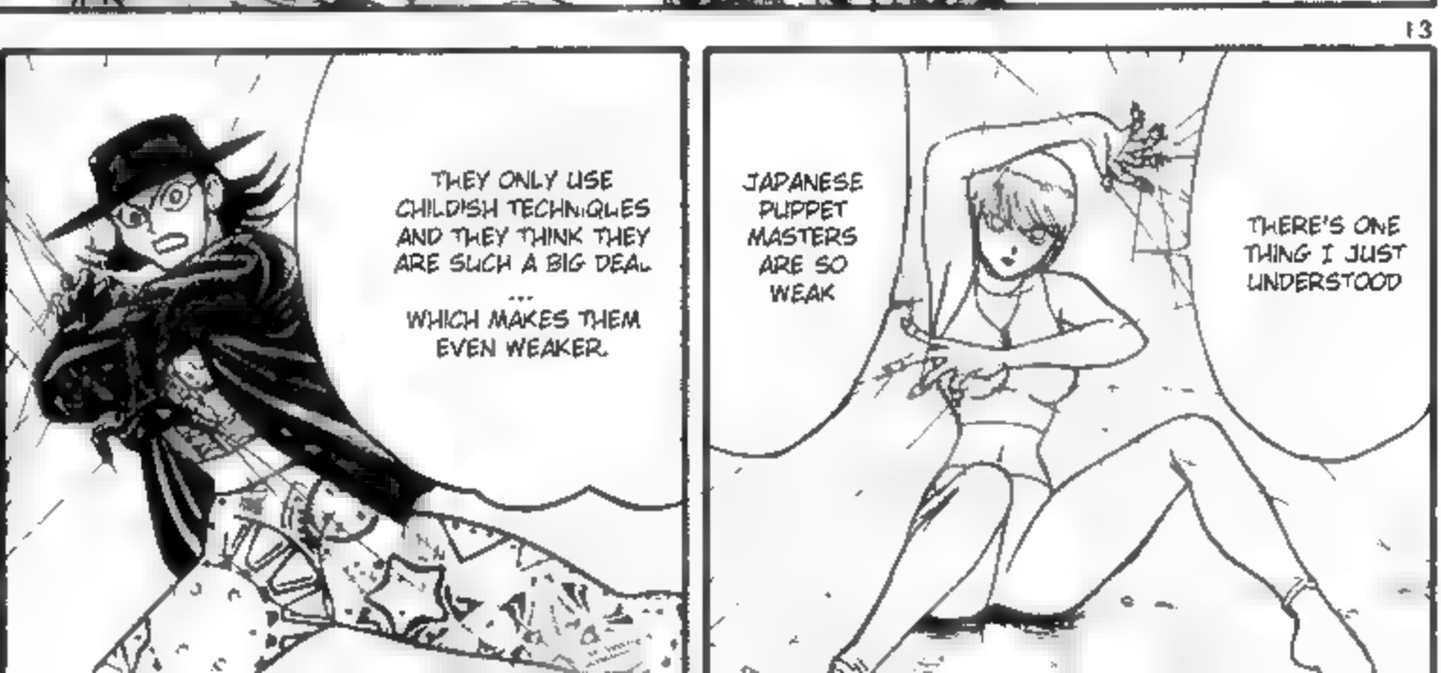
ALL THOSE BALLS ARE GONNA EXPLODE!
GET DOWN!
WAH!

SO, WHERE DID THEY GO?!
IMPOSSIBLE!
THEOGAULTIER THREW A GREAT NUMBER OF BALLS


THEY ONLY USE CHILDISH TECHNIQUES AND THEY THINK THEY ARE SUCH A BIG DEAL
...
WHICH MAKES THEM EVEN WEAKER.
JAPANESE PUPPET MASTERS ARE SO WEAK
THERE'S ONE THING I JUST UNDERSTOOD

I'VE BEEN TRAINING FOR 12 YEARS!
HOW DARE YOU ?!
IT'S PATHETIC!
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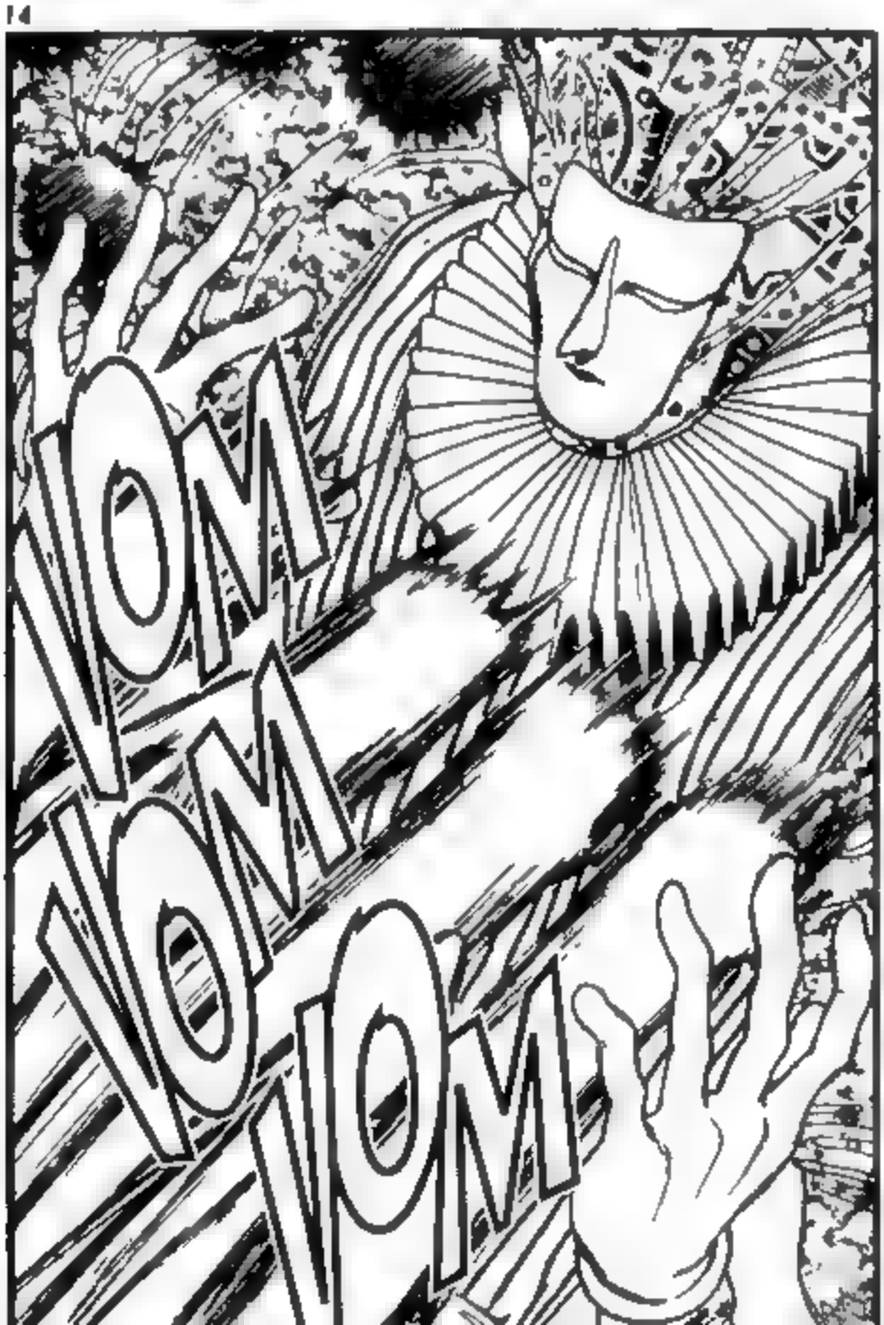
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LET'S GO, THEOGAULTIER. THIS TIME, YOU CAN'T MISS THEM!
SPLOP PLOP

.. AS INTENSE AS MINE

WHAT ?!

YOUR LAST 12 YEARS MUSTN'T HAVE BEEN .

LOOK . I'M EVEN GIVING YOU BACK YOUR BALLS
FROM THOSE 12 YEARS OF TRAINING

SHE CALIGHT EVERY BALL ?!

TIME TO GIVE YOU A BREAK .

BLAHAHAHAHA

DUOH

ISN'T THAT RIGHT ...
ARLEQUIN ?

I'VE BEEN A PUPPET MASTER ...
... SINCE I WAS BORN

HOW?
...
"SINCE SHE WAS BORN"
?
VVHHA
WHO IS THIS GIRL ?
WHERE DO THEY ALL COME FROM ?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS ...
AND THEM, WHO ARE THEY? THEY CONTROL THEIR PUPPETS AS IF IT WAS SOMETHING NORMAL
HEY, ASHIHANA!
I SPEND MY TIME TELLING THEM THEY HAVE TO PERFECT THEIR TECHNIQUES ...
JAPANESE PUPPET MASTERS ARE QUITE ARROGANT ...
AND NOT THAT TALENTED.
COMPLETELY TRUE, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNGSTERS OF OUR CLAN.
INDEED, THIS YOUNG WOMAN UNDERSTANDS EVERYTHING.
I GOT SOMETHING TO ASK YOU.
EH?
GHHH

IF YOU COME BACK TO ME, I WON'T PUNISH YOU SEVERELY.
RRRRAC
MA-SA-RUUUUU, WHERE ARE YOUUU ?

... OR MAYBE THERE ?
RRR
RRRRAC
ARE YOU IN HERE ?

PUPPETS? ... SADAYOSHI SAIGA? IT'S MY FATHER'S NAME!
Puppets Sadayoshi Saiga
I'M SCARED.
I'M REALLY SCARED.
WHERE ARE YOUUUU ?

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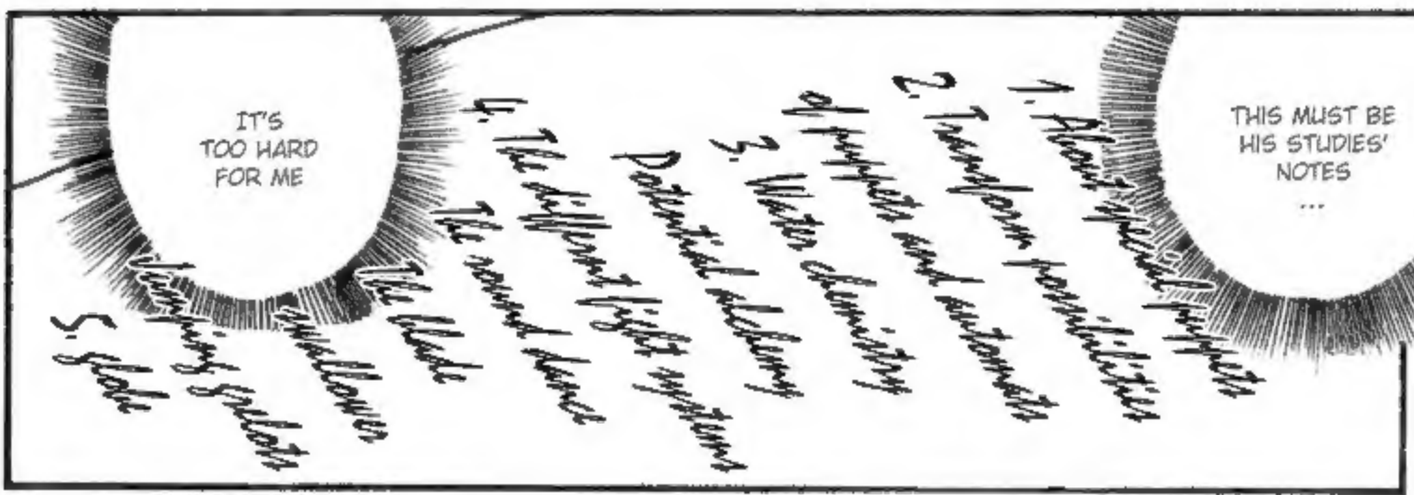
NO?
GLOUPS
YOU MUST BE HERE!


THIS MUST BE HIS STUDIES' NOTES ...
1. About spiritual prophets
2. Transform personalities of prophets and automata
3. Water chemistry
Potential alchemy
4. The different fight systems
The sword dance
The blade
swallower
Hanging skeleton
5. Globe
IT'S TOO HARD FOR ME

EH?

16. SHIROGANE
17. MASARU
I DON'T GET IT!
WHY IS MY NAME AND SHIROGANE'S IN MY FATHER'S BOOK?

MASARUUUUU!